

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see page 7-10, filed 04/02/2010, with respect to the rejection of the claims have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of the claims has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-24 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1, 17, and 24, the prior art of record, either singularly or in combination, does not disclose or suggest the combination of limitations including, a plurality of baskets that are vertically stacked within the inner leak tight metallic receptacle.

Claims 2-16 and 18-23 are allowed due to being dependent of independent claims 1 and 17, respectively.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hanway Chang whose telephone number is (571)270-5766. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 7:30 AM till 4 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert H. Kim can be reached on (571)272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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